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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the subject application.

Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition For Extension Of Time

Applicants petition for a extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$0.00 (enclosed).
 Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

No additional claim fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please insert below the title and above Field of the Invention the following new paragraph:

[0001] The international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.